



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **April 6** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **Apr. 6** – Transformation Team meeting, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., AIB College of Business, 2500 Fleur Dr., Des Moines
- **Apr. 6** – Congregational Care & Development Committee meeting, 2 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **Apr. 6** – Compañeros meeting, 6:30 p.m., at **Westminster in Des Moines**
- **Apr. 9** – *Joined and Knitted Together In Love*, Des Moines Presbytery PW Gathering, co-hosted by the Presbyterian Women of **Windsor** and **Heartland** churches. Registration is 9 a.m. Program begins at 9:30. Lunch costs \$6. For lunch reservations, call: 515-277-8379. Gathering finishes at 2 p.m. Speakers include: Kay Olson, Global Exchange Participant, Eastern Europe and Kathy Mahler, Mission Co-Worker, El Salvador. Offering: Compañeros in El Salvador. Don't forget to bring scarves and prayer shawls and items for CROSS Ministries (feminine hygiene products, diapers, etc.). There will be a gift shop available.
- **Apr. 10** – Social Ministries Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **Apr. 11** – *Holocaust Remembrance Day*
- **Apr. 12** – Older Adult Ministries Task Force meeting, 1 p.m., **Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Indianola**
- **Apr. 12** – Presbytery staff lunch, Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Apr. 13** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Apr. 14** – Presbytery staff meeting, 10 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **Apr. 15** – Lunch & Learn Series, Noon-1 p.m., Presbytery Office. *****CHANGE OF DATE & TOPIC***** Recap of Religious Communicators Congress: *Embracing Change: Communicating Faith in Today's World*. **Presbytery Director of Communications Kim Coulter** will attend this 4-day conference in Chicago (April 7-10). Come listen to what she learned from religious communicators from all over the nation. (The originally scheduled date was April 22—discussion would have recap the *Plugging In* conference which is postponed to fall.)
- **Apr. 15** – **South Central Regional Partnership Dinner**, 6:30 p.m., **First Presbyterian Church, Centerville**. Dinner and tour of the Appanoose County Historical and Coal Mining Museum. Cost is \$12. RSVP to Rev. Dave Endriss, revendriss@dwx.com, 515-961-6231.

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Joys and Concerns

Home for Sale. The **Dave Ewing** family (former pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas Center) is needing to selling their home in Dallas Center, Iowa. Please forward the following information about the home: Four bedroom home, large corner lot, all updated appliances, split level, low maintenance outer exterior, 2-car garage, and a large deck. For more info please call Kathi Ewing at 515-992-4362 or homeewing@hotmail.com.

Plugging In Conference Postponed to Fall

Due to an inadequate number of registrations for the *Plugging In, Without Shorting Out* Conference on April 16-18, the conference will be postponed until fall. Questions? Contact Presbytery Office Manager **Betty Dyer**, 515-276-4991.

Des Moines Central Church hosts *Theology for Westminster* Editor

On Sunday, April 18 and Monday April 19, **Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines**, is hosting Dr. Donald K. McKim, "theologian in residence", for four speaking events. McKim is executive editor of *Theology for Westminster*, John Knox Press. For the old timers among us, he taught at Dubuque years ago and is married to Linda Jo who was editor of the *Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*.

- April 18, Sunday, 9 a.m. school hour—*A Romp Through Presbyterian Beliefs*
- April 18, Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Worship service—*Confessing Our Reformed Faith Today*
- April 18, Sunday, Noon, catered brunch with a keynote address—*Roots That Refresh: Piety for Presbyterians*
- April 19, Monday, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m., *A Theological Conversation with Dr. McKim*. A catered lunch will be served.

All events are free, but they would appreciate lunch registrations (to help with catering counts). Please RSVP to 515-279-3658 or office@dmcp.org. Presbytery clergy and interested church members of the Des Moines Presbytery are invited to attend all events at Central!

Need sermon or worship ideas? Try our church Web sites

Need help with a sermon or possible worship service? One way you can utilize Des Moines Presbytery's talented pastors and worship leaders is by listening to their sermon podcasts, viewing a palm Sunday parade video or reading sermon documents or pdfs online (If we missed your online posting, please let us know):

- **Centerville, First**, Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, www.centervillepresbyterian.org/site/audidownloads.asp?sec_id=180002405&nc=1269898660373
- **Clive, Heartland**, Rev. Mark Davis, www.heartlandpresbyterian.org/sermon.php
- **Dallas Center, First**, Rev. Gus Nelson, www.dcpresbyterian.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=category§ionid=6&id=50&Itemid=93
- **Des Moines, Central**, Rev. Jim Wallace, www.dmcpc.org/dmcpcsermons.html
- **Des Moines, Westminster**, Revs. Stu Ritter & Ken Arentson, www.westpres.org/in_worship/sermons.php
- **Grinnell, First**, Rev. Kirsten Klepfer, <http://firstpresbyteriangrinnell.blogspot.com/>
- **Indianola, Trinity United**, Rev. Dave Endriss, www.trinityupc.org/sermons.htm
- **LeRoy/Humeston United Trinity Parish**, Rev. Dale O'Connell, HR, www.ourchurchvideos.com/50123/cumc/
- **Newton, First**, Rev. Tiare Mathison and Sara Hopkins, CLP, www.newton1stpresbyterian.org/hear_a_sermon.cfm
- **Oskaloosa, First**, Rev. Dennis Morey, www.oskaloosafirstpresbyterian.org/sections/Archive/Sermons/SermonArchive.html

Spring 2010 BoardLaunch Series is Underway

The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines is announcing the Spring 2010 BoardLaunch Series held at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. in Des Moines. BoardLaunch enhances the management and leadership skills of local charitable nonprofit board members by providing timely technical and leadership instruction. The series of seminars focuses on strategic restructuring and mergers, board self assessment and fundraising. The trainings provide unique opportunities for participants to increase their skills as leaders in the nonprofit sector. Local and national nonprofit experts scheduled for this spring series include:

- David Styers, Governance Consultant with BoardSource, presenting *Board Assess Thyself*, April 13, 2010. Fee \$30
- Suzanne Mineck, planned giving consultant with The Stelter Company, presenting *Eliminating the Fear Factor: Successful Fundraising Strategies for Board Members*, May 4, 2010. Fee \$25

Register online to reserve your place at these workshops at www.desmoinesfoundation.org/page10004945.cfm. BoardLaunch is targeted specifically to board members of nonprofit organizations; however, we recognize that when the executive staff and volunteer leaders attend as an organizational team, the training can produce even more positive results. We are very pleased to offer these skill-building workshops to strengthen our community's nonprofit sector, and we encourage you to register and attend as a board and staff team.

– J. Barry Griswell, President and Kristi Knous, Vice President, Donor Relations & Community Investment

Join in The Hansen House's 30th Anniversary Open House

Please join in the celebration of 30 years of service of The Hansen House of Hospitality on Saturday, April 17, from 2-6 p.m. at 1521 6th Ave. in Des Moines. Founded on April 16, 1980, by the **honorably retired Rev. Robert Cook**, the Hansen House mission is "To assist men in transition from incarceration to self-sufficiency by providing guidance, food and shelter in a safe, hospitable environment." In an e-mail promoting event, Bob had this to say, "Who would have thought the ministry that began on a shoestring and a dream would become a long-term ministry... an institution of sorts." RSVP by Wednesday, April 7, at 515-282-0549, or hansenhouse1@qwestoffice.net.

Monroe Church Walks Shoes Down the Aisle for Hope Ministries

For the last few weeks, the **Monroe Presbyterian Church** has been the drop off point for the "Share A Pair" project for Hope Ministries in Pleasant Hill. This unique project allowed them to give both new and not-so-new shoes to Hope Ministries as they have plans to do three things with the shoes. First, they will distribute them to Hope Ministries guests and residents.

Secondly, they will sell them at the Hope Bargain Center. The shop allows community members to purchase affordable shoes and gives Hope Ministries an income to continue their ministries with the homeless. Finally, if the shoes are not fit for giving or selling, they will be recycled and the proceeds will again benefit the ministry to the homeless.

On Sunday, March 14, the high school and middle school kids of the Monroe church arranged a portion of the shoes to "walk" the aisle of the sanctuary. While no official count occurred of shoes received, a van load of shoes made its way to Hope Ministries. Now that's a lot of shoes!



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